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Collection Number:	MS2020-01
Title:	John F. Banks Collection [1910-1979]
Repository:	Christiansburg Institute Museum & Archives
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Physical Characteristics:	0.5 cu. Ft. 2 boxes
Creator:	John F. Banks
Language:	English

Abstract

The John F. Banks Collection holds correspondence, news clippings, photographs, and school publications for Banks term as principal of Christiansburg Institute. These records offer insight into the school's final years before desegregation as its African American staff sought ways to keep the school open. It also holds several records of the school's extracurriculars.

Biographical / Historical Note

John F. Banks served as principal of Christiansburg Industrial Institute from 1949 to 1966. He was the school's last principal before it closed in 1966 following desegregation. Banks was a graduate of Wilberforce University in Ohio and Hampton Institute in Virginia.

Collection Description

The John F. Banks collection contains correspondence, news clippings, photographs, and school publications of Principal Joseph F. Banks. Principal Banks was principal from 1954-1966. The news clippings are about Christiansburg Institute and school desegregation. The correspondence is between Principal Banks and the Friends Freedmen's Association members, Board of Control members, and other educators. The programs were created for school activities, most notably the dedication of the Scattergood Gym in 1953.

Arrangement Description

The collection is arranged with respect to John F. Banks's original filing order.

Related Materials

John F. Banks Papers, Accession #1985-34, Special Collections and Archives, Johnston Memorial Library, Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Carlton Banks, John F. Banks's son.

Subject Headings

- Christiansburg Industrial Institute--History.
 - African Americans--Education--Virginia--Christiansburg--History.
 - African Americans--Virginia--Montgomery County--History.
 - African Americans--Virginia--Montgomery County--Biography.
 - Montgomery County (Va.)--Biography.
 - African Americans--Virginia--Pulaski County--History
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Using the Collection

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